GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ALLEGED CONVERSION OF TEMPLE INTO ABATTOIR IN PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Shiva temple situated in Karachi is allegedly being converted into an abattoir;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has held discussions with Pakistan in this regard;

(c) whether any assurance has been given by Pakistan in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) According to media reports in October 2006, the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP), in a letter, had drawn attention of the Provincial Government of Sindh to the encroachment in the premises of a Shiva temple located in Karachi and to the alleged slaughter of cows taking place inside the compound.

(b)- (d) In pursuit of international and bilateral cooperation, India continues to strive, together with other countries, that no damage is caused to religious places abroad.